CATCH REPORTING REGULATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL MINNOW, WIGGLERS AND CRAYFISH CATCHERS

Under the authority of Section 48730 of 1994 PA 451, as amended, being section 324.48730 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, Compiled Laws, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources on January 11, 2007, ordered that for a period of five years the following regulations are established for catch reporting of commercial minnow, wigglers and crayfish catchers:

That licensed commercial minnow, wiggler and crayfish catchers shall be required to submit monthly reports of their fishing activity as follows:

1. Every person licensed to take minnows, wigglers and crayfish for commercial purposes shall keep an accurate report of each day's catch upon report forms furnished by the Department of the number of gallons of minnows, wigglers and crayfish taken, of the locality fished, and any other data as may be required by the Department to follow the trend of the fishery. An accurate monthly report of minnows, wigglers or crayfish taken for commercial purposes shall be submitted to the DNR, Law Enforcement Division, PO Box 30031, Attention: Catch Reporting, Lansing, MI 48909-7531, (under oath when required to do so) by every person licensed to take minnows, wigglers and crayfish on or before the 10th day of the following month whether or not any minnows, wigglers or crayfish were taken during the last preceding month. Said monthly reports shall be submitted for each month during which the license is valid.

Any person whose report is not received by the DNR Law Enforcement Division in Lansing, Michigan, by the 10th day of the following month shall be considered delinquent and notice to that effect may be mailed to such delinquent person by the Director. Failure to submit a report within ten days of the notice shall be considered as intent to violate the provisions of this order. The license of any person who fails to submit a monthly report, and who has been duly notified by the Director as provided herein, may be suspended by the Director until such time as the delinquent reports are submitted to him. Any person failing to make the report or reports as above described shall be denied a new license or a renewal of his or their license for his or their place of business until the provisions of this section of this order have been complied with.

- 2. Falsification of the report or reports described in this order may result in the revocation of the license.
- 3. No person, firm, copartnership, association or corporation shall be relicensed unless all reports required by this order for the immediately preceding year have been submitted to the DNR, Law Enforcement Division, PO Box 30031, Attention: Catch Reporting, Lansing, MI 48909-7531.

This order shall be assigned number FO-231.07, and is titled "Catch Reporting Regulations for Commercial Minnow, Wigglers and Crayfish Catchers".

This order supersedes the order entitled "Catch Reporting Regulations for Commercial Minnow, Wigglers and Crayfish Catchers" effective September 5, 2002 and assigned number FO-231.03.

This order shall take immediate effect and shall remain effective through March 31, 2012.